

THE MBS AWARDS CERTIFICATES TO 195 COMPANIES

The Malawi Bureau of Standards (MBS) held and hosted a Quality Certification Awards ceremony in Blantyre, Lilongwe and Mzuzu, where a number of companies were awarded certificates for demonstrating compliance to Malawi Standards in their operations in the provision of goods and services to consumers. The awards took place on 22, 27 and 29 March 2018 in Blantyre, Lilongwe and Mzuzu, respectively.

The objective of the awards ceremony was to reward and encourage the companies to continue complying with Malawi Standards and to remind them that although they are doing an exceptional job, there is always room for improvement. The Blantyre and Lilongwe ceremonies were presided over by the Chairperson of the MBS Board, Mr. Action Amos, while the MBS Director General, Mr. Davlin Chokazinga, presided over the Mzuzu event on behalf of the Chairperson of the MBS Board.



2018 Awardees in Mzuzu displaying their certificates

In his speech, the Chairperson of the MBS Board congratulated all the recipients of the awards and informed them that they are responsible for ensuring that all products they produce are not harmful to the public and that they must protect consumers at all costs. In addition to this, he advised the awardees that no matter what price the product may cost, what is remembered by consumers is the quality. He informed the awardees that consumers have the right to come forth to the MBS with any complaints that they may have on a product or service, and emphasized on the fact that the MBS will penalize those that do not conform to relevant mandatory standards. He further announced that the MBS would take action on illegal weights and measures used in trade in order to promote fair trade between buyers and sellers. He further called upon everyone

to work together as a united front rather than protest against one another, in ensuring the promotion of quality and standardization.

In his introductory remarks, the MBS Director General, Mr. Davlin Chokazinga, spoke on the promotion of quality and standardization of products and services in Malawi. He stated that the MBS and the private sector should work together to strengthen standardization activities and quality assurance initiatives in Malawi. He then urged all Malawians to support local companies not only for positivity amongst one another but to also support the Buy Malawi Agenda that has been introduced by the Malawi Government.